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**Minutes of the**  
**Delaware Harness Racing Commission Meeting**  
**PUBLIC SESSION**

**October 22, 2019 at 10:00 AM**  
**Delaware Department of Agriculture - Conference Room**

**Commission Members Present**

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| <b>Beth Steele</b>       | <b>Chairman</b>      |
| <b>Patt Wagner</b>       | <b>Vice Chairman</b> |
| <b>George Staats</b>     | <b>Commissioner</b>  |
| <b>Stephanie Liguori</b> | <b>Commissioner</b>  |

*Commissioner Berberian was unable to attend*

**Others Present**

DHRC Executive Director Mark Davis, Andrew Kerber DAG, DSBF Executive Administrator Judy Davis-Wilson, Harrington Raceway General Manager Jim Boese, Harrington Raceway Asst. GM Matt Sparacino, Dover Downs Sr. Director of Racing John Hensley, Harrington Raceway Facilities Manager Karen Craft, DSOA Executive Director Sal DiMario.

DHRC personnel: Brian Manges, Brent McLaren & Dr. Kristen Near

*Minutes: Donna Krol*

**Public Session:**

**Call To Order:**

At 10:05 a.m. Chairman Steele called the public session of the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Public minutes from the September 10, 2019 Commission Meeting were reviewed. Chairman Steele made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion was carried by Vice Chairman Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Liguori. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

Public minutes from the June 11, 2019 Commission Meeting were reviewed. Chairman Steele made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion was carried by Commissioner Staats and seconded by Commissioner Liguori. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

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October 22, 2019**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Reports: Executive Director, Racing Officials, Veterinarian:**

**Executive Director: Activity Summary Report- June**

Mark Davis reviewed the Activity Summary Report's provided to the Commission. Report covers the time period of September 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019.

**Racing statistics:**

Total # of Live Racing Days = 13

Total # Live Races = 170

Average # Races per Day = 13

Total # of Starters = 1,336

Delaware Owned/Trained purse retention: Average = 75.5%

\*Delaware Owned now includes horses that are full/partially owned or trained by Delaware residents.

**License statistics:**

Total # licenses issued = 131

Total Monthly = \$10,010.00

YTD Total = \$51,890.00

(Total Monthly figures include Licenses, Fingerprints, Appeals and Fines)

**Personnel Activities:**

N/A

**Meetings/Events attended by Mark Davis:**

Rules Meeting 9-3-19

Commission Meeting 9-10-19/ Appeals for Jason Green & Perry DeLuna

Bobby Quillen Memorial Race 9-16-19

***Note: Matt Sparacino noted that the Quillen went very well this year. It was well attended and the racing field was competitive.***

**Racing Official Report - Presiding Judge:**

Reported by: Brian Manges

Total # of Rulings: 7

Total fine amount: \$10,375.00

**Racing Official Report - Chief Investigator:**

Reported by: Mark Davis

Total # Human Drug Tests = 11

Positive result: None

Total # Breathalyzer tests = 634 average 48/day, Positive result – None/ Refusal: Jay Baxter

Total # Truck & Trailer Searches completed = 9

Fingerprints processed= 19

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**Reports: Executive Director, Racing Officials, Veterinarian: Continued**

**Racing Official Report - Veterinarian:**

Reported by: Dr. Kristen Near

Total # of starters = 1,336

Post- Race Testing:

172 Blood samples were collected.

147 Urine samples

25 incomplete collections (no urine)

Catch Rate = 85.7%, average time per catch was 32.0 minutes

Cobalt Analysis: 33 Pre-Race samples collected

Judge's Special Tests: 2

Horse Euthanized On/Off Track: 1- Horse Lucbowski, Trainer C. Crissman Jr. Horse fractured LF pastern during the race.

Accident On/Off Track: None

**Outrider Update:**

Harrington has hired a new outrider, Ashley Miller. She is working out well and will be available as the back-up outrider for Dover Downs.

**OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING:**

NONE

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS:**

NONE

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

NONE

**CLOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING:**

With no further public business to discuss, Chairman Steele made a motion to adjourn the public session and enter in to Executive Session. Motion was carried by Commissioner Liguori and seconded by Commissioner Staats. Public meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

**Next Regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM**

**Next Rules Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 10:00AM**

**Next DSBF Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 1:00pm**